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For: METHOD FOR GENERATING HYPERMUTABLE MICROBES

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**Request for Reconsideration**

This Paper is being filed in response to the Official Action dated December 31, 2002, following the new guidelines for Responses (37 CFR §1.121). A Petition for a two-month extension of time is included. If any other fee is due please charge our deposit account. Kindly reconsider allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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